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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of—	Proportion of cells with			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000-$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
$100,000-$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
$20,000-$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of--	Are likely to have sampling variability of--
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $500 to $5,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. **Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent**

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	90,427	(X)	21,019	10,268	42,872	12,125	1,412	1,860	683,735	(X)	86,641	48,669	363,957	143,885	15,359	14,314
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	32,622	9,176	3,040	13,606	5,590	372	343	(X)	235,145	43,238	12,455	114,160	51,336	3,906	3,612
Boston, Mass.....	1,986	969	345	9	1,581	26	16	11	19,084	9,137	2,115	139	15,919	302	366	242
Bridgeport, Conn.....	20	8	(Z)	12	8	(Z)	-	-	468	196	1	269	198	1	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	267	267	267	-	(Z)	-	-	-	2,452	2,452	2,430	-	22	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	39,413	12,543	2,851	2,640	27,693	4,897	169	1,162	342,888	110,006	17,586	188,922	49,730	44,451	3,100	9,129
Philadelphia, Pa.....	634	301	90	(Z)	341	171	1	31	7,215	1,970	376	3	3,226	3,430	14	166
Baltimore, Md.....	78	78	61	-	16	1	-	-	183	183	107	-	72	4	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	118	118	6	1	52	30	30	-	1,141	1,141	13	5	508	315	301	-
Savannah, Ga.....	340	268	84	12	212	32	-	-	1,804	795	213	255	884	451	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	63	23	46	15	1	-	-	-	292	3	70	209	13	-	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	12	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	127	127	-	-	-	127	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	398	90	386	12	-	-	-	-	2,005	401	1,944	62	-	-	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	218	103	204	1	-	14	-	-	856	455	833	9	-	15	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	91	79	89	-	1	1	-	-	577	537	542	-	2	33	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	17	4	17	-	-	-	-	-	120	42	120	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	5,140	2,257	936	253	1,645	1,980	278	48	59,257	19,825	9,235	2,371	19,050	24,161	3,491	948
San Francisco, Calif....	2,717	1,292	172	33	375	1,647	476	14	40,349	14,805	2,314	588	3,938	27,380	5,955	174
Portland, Oreg.....	66	64	20	-	43	2	-	1	1,335	1,274	105	-	1,185	37	-	7
Seattle, Wash.....	930	635	263	1	233	408	(Z)	24	34,189	6,386	1,865	11	3,460	28,517	4	332
Anchorage, Alaska.....	133	113	111	-	12	10	-	-	3,183	2,659	2,658	-	90	435	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	455	134	177	-	(Z)	222	57	(Z)	1,770	691	67	-	4	1,103	596	1
Great Falls, Mont.....	67	67	67	-	-	-	-	-	670	670	670	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	618	211	150	-	420	47	-	(Z)	8,370	3,030	1,040	-	5,517	1,811	-	1
Detroit, Mich.....	1,401	1,189	321	56	966	36	7	16	7,880	6,665	1,996	87	5,477	109	119	91
Chicago, Ill.....	8,604	4,404	2,204	3	5,184	1,057	5	150	50,606	23,204	13,340	13	29,407	6,835	50	961
Cleveland, Ohio.....	360	56	286	1	68	(Z)	(Z)	4	1,891	402	1,460	2	294	3	2	129
St. Louis, Mo.....	157	157	6	-	110	41	-	(Z)	658	658	36	-	574	45	-	4
San Juan, P.R.....	970	587	859	98	12	-	-	(Z)	2,272	1,102	1,395	368	471	-	-	38
Miami, Fla.....	12,884	5,693	6,556	6,133	173	8	11	2	39,337	15,081	15,054	22,598	1,537	36	16	96
Houston, Tex.....	845	277	358	14	208	171	(Z)	93	5,078	1,614	1,737	78	1,372	1,125	7	759
Washington, D.C.....	607	116	17	69	504	8	1	7	14,948	3,037	43	835	13,734	39	1	296
All other districts.....	38	13	15	-	23	-	-	-	241	154	150	-	90	-	-	-
Shipments under $251....	9,907	(NA)	4,055	903	2,993	1,302	359	296	21,576	(NA)	7,127	1,874	7,182	3,118	1,335	941
Special Category.....	871	494	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	10,910	6,439	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 2. **Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent**

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers..	88,357	(X)	10,584	6,872	47,278	22,593	616	273	477,452	(X)	33,245	13,615	295,752	118,896	3,700	12,071
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	41,623	4,629	2,738	20,230	13,545	421	59	(X)	233,090	14,503	5,605	137,926	69,818	2,018	3,220
Boston, Mass.....	3,229	1,829	125	14	2,998	87	-	5	15,570	9,110	928	53	13,806	249	-	534
Bridgeport, Conn.....	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	-	-	-	15	5	3	7	6	-	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	36	6	36	-	-	-	-	-	131	113	131	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	202	165	185	-	16	1	-	-	2,221	1,857	1,866	-	258	96	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	43,559	19,358	1,013	2,562	33,228	6,496	95	164	264,984	111,886	7,413	7,935	202,448	37,466	744	8,978
Philadelphia, Pa.....	779	303	30	(Z)	724	19	-	7	8,029	5,186	211	2	5,745	204	-	1,867
Baltimore, Md.....	95	82	10	-	81	4	-	-	822	683	64	-	737	21	-	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	295	294	-	(Z)	295	-	-	-	3,016	2,980	-	34	2,981	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	25	2	-	-	25	-	-	-	52	13	-	-	52	-	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	31	30	1	-	30	-	-	-	474	459	20	-	454	-	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	53	23	38	13	1	-	-	-	120	26	72	11	37	-	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	10	-	-	-	10	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	323	63	312	3	7	(Z)	-	(Z)	261	46	238	5	11	4	-	2
Laredo, Tex.....	137	109	136	-	1	(Z)	-	-	280	189	222	-	51	7	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	14	13	9	-	1	4	-	-	284	264	256	-	9	20	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	3	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	82	12	69	-	13	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	7,299	3,806	267	67	1,359	5,474	119	13	57,480	32,612	4,130	386	21,678	29,962	1,232	93
San Francisco, Calif...	6,139	4,394	56	9	363	5,667	43	1	36,608	23,546	611	53	2,329	32,942	665	8
Portland, Oreg.....	20	20	1	-	(Z)	-	19	-	633	632	3	-	4	-	626	-
Seattle, Wash.....	1,333	1,185	106	5	144	1,077	1	-	8,572	6,857	1,815	36	870	5,828	22	-
Anchorage, Alaska.....	106	78	(Z)	-	15	91	-	-	224	93	7	-	121	97	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	556	255	35	-	13	480	29	-	3,480	1,300	44	-	378	2,909	150	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	7	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	94	91	94	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	23	17	23	-	(Z)	-	-	-	148	139	148	-	1	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	352	352	20	-	28	296	(Z)	8	1,417	1,413	195	-	381	767	2	72
Detroit, Mich.....	832	613	98	1	697	31	-	5	3,749	2,556	661	2	2,866	194	-	26
Chicago, Ill.....	4,900	2,443	289	16	3,414	1,149	5	28	36,239	17,907	3,888	58	26,924	4,922	54	393
Cleveland, Ohio.....	132	65	21	2	107	2	-	(Z)	986	223	464	9	493	18	-	1
St. Louis, Mo.....	68	62	1	(Z)	65	2	-	1	316	298	4	(Z)	291	11	-	10
San Juan, P.R.....	2,189	609	1,621	418	144	6	-	(Z)	2,452	693	1,194	402	841	13	-	3
Miami, Fla.....	8,427	4,361	4,435	3,574	340	77	(Z)	1	13,078	6,314	6,437	4,362	2,087	174	3	14
Houston, Tex.....	231	93	99	1	104	26	(Z)	1	3,073	253	381	21	1,648	1,002	1	19
Washington, D.C.....	759	719	1	(Z)	754	4	-	(Z)	5,425	5,009	7	1	5,388	24	-	6
All other districts....	682	266	448	3	3	(Z)	227	-	397	315	258	12	17	4	106	-
Shipments under $251...	5,520	(NA)	1,159	185	2,320	1,599	79	38	6,730	(NA)	1,413	225	2,827	1,950	96	46

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